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having a substance weight unit area which varies in the cross direction comprising:

a source of a slurry of inorganic fibre in a liquid;  
a forming wire disposed to move past the source, through which, in use, the liquid passes to deposit the inorganic fibre on the forming wire;

a mask across the part of the width of the forming wire corresponding to the edge margins of the formed mat to hinder passage of the liquid through the forming wire over the said part, the effectiveness of the mask varying in the direction of movement of the forming wire past the source.

7. Apparatus according to claim 6 in which the effectiveness of the mask decreases in the direction in which the forming wire is disposed to move.

8. Apparatus according to claim 6 or 7 in which the mask is a blinding plate impinging the face of the forming wire remote from the source of slurry.

9. Apparatus according to any of claims 6, 7 or 8 in which the effective width of the blinding plate decreases in the direction in which the forming wire passes the slurry.

10. A cementitious board having a sheet of a non-woven mat of inorganic fibre according to claim 1 embedded immediately below at least one surface.

11. A cementitious board having a sheet of a non-woven mat of inorganic fibre embedded immediately below at least one surface wherein the permeability of the mat to cementitious slurry varies across the mat.